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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and add new claims 9-24 as follows.

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Claim 9 (New). An *in vitro* method of determining whether or not an individual has metastasized colorectal cancer comprising the steps of:

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- a) performing a test assay on a test sample of extraintestinal tissue and/or body fluids from an individual to detect the ST receptor protein present in said sample;
 - b) performing a negative control assay on a negative control sample to detect ST receptor protein present in said negative control sample;
 - c) comparing results of said test assay with results of said negative control assay, wherein